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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminary amend the above-captioned patent application prior to examination thereof. Additionally, Applicant hereby Petitions for an Extension of Time to Respond to the previously issued Final Office Action for one (1) month. Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment therefore:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4.

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25. (Amended) The [surface protection system] mat of claim [4]17, wherein said cartridge top means is made of at least one durable material.

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